

ANIMAL QUARANTINE PROGRAM

In addition to the general requirements, the following requirements are used to determine qualification for the 5-day-or-less quarantine. For entire contents of the Animal Quarantine Brochure go to <http://hawaii.gov/hdoa/ai/aqs/aqsbrochure.pdf>.

1. **HEALTH CERTIFICATE** - A health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within 14 days prior to arrival is required. The health certificate must be written in English, be an original document (not a facsimile or photocopy), bears an original or carbon signature and legible name, address and telephone number of the certifying veterinarian. The health certificate must also contain the following information:
 - a. A complete description of your pet including age, markings, sex, breed and any additional identifying characteristics.
 - b. Written declaration by issuing veterinarian that the animal was treated to kill all ticks and other external parasites within 14 days prior to arrival except when a veterinarian provides a written statement that such treatment may be detrimental to the animal's health. List the name of the treatment used and the date of treatment.
 - c. Certification that your pet is free of any evidence of infectious or contagious disease.
 - d. Certification by the issuing veterinarian to the accuracy of the information stated on the health certificate.
 - e. Record of all required vaccinations. For rabies vaccinations, the name of the vaccine, lot/serial number, expiration date and route of administration must be included. **To qualify for the five-day-or-less quarantine**, list information on the two (2) most recent rabies vaccinations.
 - f. The microchip number and date of implantation.
2. **ELECTRONIC MICROCHIP** - All dogs and cats attempting to qualify for the five-day-or-less quarantine program are required to have an implanted electronic microchip. The microchip, obtained from your veterinarian, must be U.S. made and readable with an AVID standard scanner (AVID chip, Home Again chip). Pet owners in foreign countries can order microchips from the State of Hawaii (refer to Request for Electronic Microchip, Form AQS-73).

For the 5-day-or-less quarantine program, it is the owner's responsibility to have the microchip implanted by a veterinarian and ensures the microchip number is recorded legibly on the serum sample submitted for the rabies testing. The microchip number must be included on the results of the rabies test.

3. **VACCINATIONS** - All dogs and cats entering Hawaii must be vaccinated for common infectious agents to protect the health of all animals during quarantine.

Rabies Vaccination. All dogs and cats 90 days of age or older at the time of entry must be vaccinated against rabies with an approved inactivated rabies vaccine (listed in the most recent Compendium of Animal Rabies Control prepared by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians) within 12 months prior to arrival with 12 month licensed vaccines or within 18 months for 3 year licensed vaccines.

Rabies vaccination status is important in assigning the length of the quarantine period.

- a. For 120-day quarantine: Rabies vaccination within the previous 12 months with an approved monovalent inactivated rabies vaccine.
- b. For five-day-or-less quarantine see: Specific Requirements to qualify for the five-day-or less Quarantine Program and Checklist for the five-day-or-less Quarantine Program.

Failure to comply with general pre-arrival requirements listed may result in your pet being refused entry into the State of Hawaii's or having to undergo 120-day quarantine.

The owner, consignee, handler, or carrier shall pay all expenses including private veterinary examinations, vaccinations, microchip implantation, hospitalization, testing, medication, treatment, transportation, and returned shipments to shipper or consignor for animals failing to meet pre-arrival requirements.

Other Dog Vaccinations – Dogs 90 days of age or older at the time of arrival shall be vaccinated not less than ten days and not more than 180 days prior to arrival against:

- a. Canine distemper virus;
- b. Canine infectious hepatitis virus or canine adenovirus-2;
- c. Canine parvovirus;
- d. Canine parainfluenza virus;
- e. Bordetella bronchiseptica (kennel cough); and Canine coronavirus vaccination is recommended but optional.

Other Cat Vaccinations – Cats 90 days of age or older at the time of arrival shall be vaccinated not less than ten days and not more than 180 days prior to arrival for:

- a. Feline panleukopenia virus (feline viral enteritis);
 - b. Feline viral rhinotracheitis (feline herpesvirus-1);
 - c. Feline calicivirus; and
 - d. Chlamydia psittaci (pneumonitis).
- Feline Leukemia (Felv) vaccination is recommended but optional.

For better protection, vaccination for common infectious agents no less than 10 days prior to shipping is highly recommended.

5-DAY-OR-LESS PRE-ARRIVAL QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements, the following requirements must be met to qualify for the 5-day or less quarantine:

1. A minimum of two (2) rabies vaccinations not less than 3 months apart with an approved monovalent inactivated rabies vaccine, or recombinant vaccine.

- a. The first vaccination cannot be given before 3 months of age; except according to manufacturer's recommendation.
- b. The second or subsequent vaccination shall be given no less than 90 days and no more than 12 months before arrival in Hawaii or no less than 90 days and no more than 18 months for 3 year licensed vaccines.
- c. The name, serial or lot number, expiration date of the lot and date the vaccination was given must appear on the health certificate; and Information for the two most recent rabies vaccinations shall be recorded on the health certificate

2. OIE-FLUORESCENT ANTIBODY VIRUS NEUTRALIZATION TEST (OIE-FAVN test)

The rabies blood test is used to determine if dogs and cats have responded adequately to rabies vaccination. **The testing laboratory will submit the test results directly to the State.**

- a. The OIE-FAVN test must be conducted no less than **120** days and no more than 18 months prior to arrival in Hawaii. A result of 0.5 I.U. per milliliter of rabies antibodies or greater is required. The day following the date the laboratory receives the OIE-FAVN blood sample is the beginning date for the **120** day waiting period before entry.
- b. To be considered valid, the test results must include the number of the implanted electronic microchip number of the implanted electronic microchip and a completed description of the animal (sex, breed, color or color pattern, any visible unique identifying characteristics, etc.).

3. Animals must wait at least 120 days after the pre-arrival test before entry into Hawaii. Animals arriving before 120 days have elapsed will be quarantined for 120 days.

To qualify an animal for direct airport release the following requirements must be met in addition to the 5-day-or-less requirements:

- a. All rabies vaccination documents (list) must be received by the Animal Quarantine Branch no less than 10 days prior to the pet's arrival in Hawaii (overnight or 2nd day delivery is recommended).
- b. Fees should be pre-paid no less than 10 days prior to the date of arrival in Hawaii (cashier's check, money order, or credit card)
- c. Pets must arrive at the Animal Quarantine Holding Facility at Honolulu International airport during normal inspection hours between 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. You should check with your air carrier as delivery of animals by the airlines to our facility may take an hour or more. Animals not arriving at the facility between 8:00 am – 8:00 pm will not be released at the airport.
- d. Owners should retain copies of all pertinent documents to accompany their pet in the event verification is necessary.

Fee for Direct Release and Quarantine Programs (due prior to release of your pet)

Total Fees:	Direct Release program	\$ 165.00
	5-day-or-less program	\$ 224.00
	120-day program	\$1,080.00

The U.S. Department of Defense will reimburse active duty military members with dogs or cats at \$550 per family for quarantine expenses. Military members should check with their command on how to receive the allotment.

For more information contact:

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LABORATORIES WHERE THE PRE-ARRIVAL OIE-FAVN TEST IS AVAILABLE

Department of Pathobiology/Diagnostic Medicine
1800 Denison Avenue
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-5600

For information on procedures, please have your veterinarian call (785) 532-4455.

Military Personnel Only:
USA Veterinary Laboratory
Attn: MCVS-SCL-D
2472 Schofield Road, Bldg, 2630
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-6232

Fax: (210) 270-2559 or e-mail: rgvetlab@bamc-amedd.army.mil or contact your nearest military veterinary clinic.